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SUBJECT: CANADIAN VISIT BY MALI VICE-PRESIDENT

1. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF APRIL 20-22 VISIT TO CANADA BY MALI VICE-PRESIDENT, LT. COL. AMADOU BABA DIARRA, CITED "EXCELLENT" RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND DESCRIBED THREE PROJECT AGREEMENTS SIGNED DURING THE VISIT. FIRST IS RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN KAARTA AT COST OF 25 MILLION CANADIAN DOLLARS OVER FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. SECOND IS 9.2 MILLION-DOLLAR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINE BETWEEN DAM OF SELINGUE AND BAMAKO. THIRD IS SMALL (425,000 DOLLARS) CROP PROTECTION PROGRAM WHICH IS FORERUNNER OF BIGGER, SIMILAR PROJECT TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT FALL.

2. ROY, DIRECTOR, FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN DIVISION, MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GAVE EMBASSY OFFICER FOLLOWING BRIEF RUNDOWN ON VISIT. DISCUSSIONS RANGED GENERALLY OVER THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, RELATIONS WITH FRANCO-PHONE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN AFRICA. AID WAS CENTRAL TOPIC. CANADIANS FOUND DIARRA TO BE NOT VERY WELL INFORMED. HE ALSO SPOKE IN SOFT VOICE WITH RESULT THAT GOC REPS NOT CERTAIN WHAT HE SAID
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AT SOME POINTS. DESPITE APPARENTLY UNIMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE BY DIARRA, ROY NOTED THAT GOC FINDS IT CAN MAINTAIN ORDERLY RELATIONSHIP WITH MALI SINCE MALI OFFICIALS ARE RELATIVELY REASONABLE WHEN COMPARED WITH BENINESE, FOR EXAMPLE. ENDERS

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